

Healthy Start Programs, staff development, new teacher training, business-education partnerships, effective parenting, interagency collaboration, and using technology in the classroom.

His work and commitment to the community does not end at the school door. He has chaired the Inter-agency Child and Family Policy Board, which is composed of all department heads from various agencies in Alameda County. His goal was to find ways for these various children and family county service providers to work together more efficiently and effectively by considering innovative measures such as blending funding streams and reducing red tape and redundant services. He also served as cochair of the East Bay Conversion/Base Closure Board which makes policy decisions that have far-reaching impact on schools and communities throughout the bay area.

Superintendent Scornaienchi vociferously advocated and worked for the implementation of a statewide proposal to levy a surcharge on tickets for professional sporting events to help save school athletic programs. This campaign was expanded to include an assessment on performing arts tickets to support the arts program for homeless children. Recognizing the need for global interaction, he developed and administered the first county office student international exchange program with the former Soviet Union designed to promote a better understanding between our countries and establish invaluable communication links. There is no doubt that the program participants expanded their world view and learned important life lessons.

I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the incredible dedication of this public servant. His advocacy for the welfare of children has brought together all segments of the community to address the improvement of services to all of our children. Thank you so much for your many years of service. I and the people of Alameda County are grateful to you and wish you well in this new phase of your life.

SYLURA BARRON: AN AMERICAN
HERO

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to mourn the passing and celebrate the life of one of San Diego's most cherished civic leaders, Sylura Barron. For almost seven decades Sylura Barron made her mark on San Diego business, politics, and society.

Sylura was born on Christmas Day, 1900, to Richard Richardson and Comelia Booker in Mainsfield, LA. Joining Calvary Baptist Church where her father was its first pastor in 1929, she remained a loyal member until her passing on November 4, 1997. She leaves a loving extended family, an admiring community of friends, and a legacy of service from which we will all draw strength and courage.

Sylura Barron championed the shared goals and beliefs of the Democratic Party, and every Democratic leader from Franklin Delano Roo-

sevelt to William Jefferson Clinton was honored by her input and her unflagging devotion to the community and Nation. which she viewed as her own extended family.

The Democratic Party and our beloved Nation are better because of the contributions made by true patriots like Sylura Barron. Throughout her life, Sylura fought to promote educational and business opportunities in communities that often lacked strong and determined representation. Sylura was a thoughtful and eloquent promoter of a society that could step beyond divisions of race, class, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. Sylura was a voice for all of us.

Sylura Barron learned very early in life that there would be many barriers put in front of her, and she became determined to not only cross over those barriers, but to tear them down so they would not slow anyone following in her steps.

Sylura Barron always felt that room should be made in the Democratic Party and in the Nation as a whole for every segment of our society. "Leave out no one" was one of her favorite slogans. She was a determined and dedicated fighter, and she demanded that her voice be heard. Many times she led progressive movements to make the point that her political party was truly the party of the people. Sylura sometimes wondered if she was fighting this battle alone. Sylura, you can rest assured, thousands followed your lead—and you left out no one.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues will join me in keeping Sylura's dreams for our Nation alive. Leave out no one.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today is November 7, over 4 months after the July 4th deadline that the President set for passage of campaign finance reform. I have delivered each day since that time a statement in the House of Representatives calling on the leadership to allow a vote on any one of the many campaign finance bills pending in this Congress. My pleas, and the request of many others, has gone unanswered. We are now entering into the final weekend of our legislative year. By Sunday we may be out of session, not to return until late January of next year. If we don't act this weekend we will never change the current system.

The examples of abuse of the existing system are too numerous to mention. I have documented many of the abuses, on both sides of the aisle, in my earlier statements. The Republicans have invested an enormous amount of taxpayers' money investigating and exposing the alleged violations of law by the White House in the last election.

Investigation is good. Those who broke the law should be brought to justice. The sad fact is, however, that many of the most well known abuses are technically legal. We must do more than investigate, we must legislate. With only a few days left, we must act now. Let's

take some time this weekend to debate, consider, and pass campaign finance reform.

The people of my district will not take no for an answer.

HONORING KAREN S. DAUGHTRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and achievements of Dr. Karen S. Daughtry. While working as the director for the past 26 years of the Alonzo A. Daughtry Memorial Day Care Center, her dedication to issues concerning women and children, locally and internationally, has proven incomparable.

As a 1996 recipient of the doctor of ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary, her commitment to social change, through her faith, is unquestionable. Using a Christian perspective, she has focused on increasing knowledge and comprehensive understanding of social and political issues which impact on and relate to family life, health, the arts, and educational and personal development. Dr. Daughtry, has been able to further her goals by serving as an advisor to the House of the Lord Youth Department and Sisterhood, and as chair of the Church's National Department of Women's Work. Dr. Daughtry also serves on the board of directors of the Randolph Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund, an organization formed in 1979 which awards 10 scholarships of \$1,500 each to Brooklyn college bound youth in the name and memory of Randolph Evans, a 16-year-old shot to death in 1976 by a police officer.

Under her leadership, Sisters Against South African Apartheid [SASAA] participated in a petition drive which delivered thousands of signatures to the United Nations on behalf of detained and tortured children of Angola and hosted Mrs. Maria Eugenia Neto, the mother of Angola, at a special service when she visited the United States. In addition, SASAA was proud to host Zenani Mandela, daughter of Nelson and Winnie Mandela, a year prior to his release from prison. The organization also participated with the Nelson Mandela Reception Committee in organizing the first visit to New York City of Nelson and Winnie Mandela, and hosted Mrs. Mandela in programs at the House of the Lord Church and the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Probably what Dr. Karen Daughtry would consider her most important achievement, however, is the raising of her family. She has been married since 1962 to Rev. Herbert Daughtry, national presiding minister of the House of Lord Churches. They are proud parents of three daughters, Leah Dennyatta, Sharon D'Boya, and Dawnique Dekeba and one son Herbert, Jr., all college graduates.

Though Dr. Daughtry may only be one person, she has shown this country and the world the power of what one person can do. As a result, Dr. Daughtry has been the recipient of a plethora of awards and proclamations for her work and achievements. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Karen Daughtry for all of her important work.